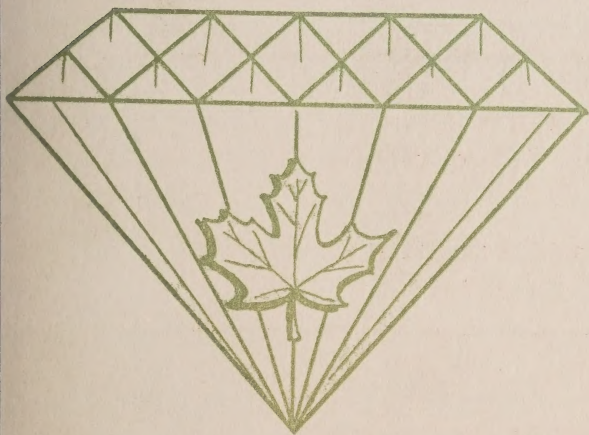


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TO OUR READERS

Our December issue is not overly Christmasy because we feel that the "outside" publications cover the season adequately and the few thoughts that we might add would only be superfluous.

Besides, Christmas does not mean that much to prison inmates. One of the "secrets" of doing time is to learn to suppress one's emotions and most inmates find that this is particularly hard to accomplish at Christmas time. Thoughts of wives and sweethearts, mothers and fathers crowd into our minds at Christmas and some of our thoughts are not pleasant. We remember things that we did that hurt them, things that we did not do that hurt them, and we think of the things that we want to do that will help atone for the past. But just to think about all this causes the inmate to do "hard time". No one likes to be reminded of their mistakes, never mind bringing them up yourself.

As a consequence of all this, Christmas is a sad time for the prison inmate: A time when he is forced to remember.

However, this is our problem. The outside reader has his or her own problems and Christmas is a time for you to forget them for a few days and enjoy yourselves. It is a time for the religious to celebrate the birth of Christ and it is a time for the children to look for Santa Claus.

So, the Diamond staff wish one and all the

Very Merriest Christmas Possible



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Editorial

ON THE PENAL PRESS

Canada's Penal Press is now nine years old. These nine years have been of learning; learning to write, learning what will be acceptable to inmates, censors and to the general public. As sentences come to an end Editors and writers leave their posts and new pens take up the cry. While it must be admitted that a new point of view comes with each new writer, it must also be acknowledged that the man is usually inexperienced and he must learn what his predecessors did by himself and on his own initiative.

It is because of this that Canada's prison papers have fostered a rivalry, each trying to be the best prison publication in the field. Competition is a healthy thing and is certainly a factor in the improvement of our publications over the years, but this competition also has overtones of being a feud at times. It is time for Canadian penal magazines to band together in order that they may more effectively serve the common cause.

In the United States an organization called the Penal Press Association exists, a very loosely organized endeavour, but it is an attempt to band the various publications together. We are not knocking our fellow felons in the United States but we feel that our problems are more pertinent to Canada than the fifty states to the south, and north. (We're surrounded.) Laws vary from one state to state but here in Canada we are more fortunate in that one law, rather one criminal code, covers the whole country. At the present time there is only one Act to govern the conditions of all Canada's penitentiaries and it will soon be one Act to govern all of Canada's prisons; County jails and a few reformatories excepted.

At the present time each prison magazine reaches only a small segment of its potential readers and each magazine carries its own message in its own way. Because each prison is different and has its own problems this is a necessary thing, but when a magazine deals with a subject that affects prisoners all across the nation these opinions on the subject should be neither one-sided nor at variance with the opinions of other inmates. Certainly we do not all think the same about each of our problems, but if we had some central organization to sort out the various opinions of the Editorial boards of each publication and to make these opinions known to each other, and to then submit articles based on a majority opinion to each board, this would make the penal press much more effective. The combined circulation of Canada's penal press, approximately twenty thousand, would give our voices weight and when our central organization wrote to someone asking for an opinion or a guest editorial the request would be much more likely to receive serious consideration than it would if it came from, say the Diamond, which has an outside circulation of only about ten hundred.

We are not suggesting that the publications give up their autonomy; each editor would retain the right to print what he thought fit and could refuse any article submitted by the association. Neither are we suggesting that each paper form into a common mould and thereby lose its identity. We are merely proposing that articles on subjects that affect Canada's prisoners as a whole, or at least a large number of them, be brought before the public en masse. The effect of a circulation of twenty thousand would certainly be more than the voice-in-the-wilderness method we are using at present.

It would, of course, be necessary to secure the permission of Major-General R.B. Gibson, Commissioner of Penitentiaries, before this organization could be formed, but the Commissioner has been behind the penal press in the past and we do not foresee any difficulty in obtaining his sanction.

One of the most valuable services the penal press can perform for the inmates is one of public relations between the outsiders and ourselves. People outside the walls still hold some peculiar conceptions about those who are inside and we feel that one of the most important tasks assigned to our publications is to put our case before these people. In order that we become more effective than in the past it is now time to band together and bury the feuds.

We are most interested in hearing the views of our fellow editorial writers on this subject, either through correspondence or in their magazines. We will necessarily need a leader in this venture and we must look to one of the publications that carries a large enough staff and has the experience and capability to handle the job. The staff that take on this task will have to be sincere in their desire to help their fellow inmates and want to help in bridging the gap between the prisoner and the man on the street. Make no mistake, there will be considerable work attached to this project and small reward.

We have thrown this idea out for the consideration of the Canadian Penal Press and would appreciate it if the various staffs would turn the subject over in their minds and then inform us of their attitudes toward the suggestion. We believe that this association would provide far-reaching benefits for the penal press and the inmates of Canada's prisons.



Only the rich can be eccentric—the poor must be satisfied with being nuts.

The music in the joint was so bad that when a waiter dropped a tray of dishes, everyone got up and started dancing.

Parts manager: "Why are you always talking about girls? Don't you know a girl is only a rag, some bone and a hank of hair?"

Mechanic: "Sure, Mac, sure, so shake hands with a happy junk dealer."

As We See It

In this column we call the shot on some of the recent events that took place outside the wall. This provides us with the opportunity to slip in a few sneaky knocks and we hope it also provides at least one reader with a smile. If you should happen to agree with us on one or two things don't let it bother you. Take solace in the fact that you disagreed with us on something else.

1) *Bottle Beer or Draught Beer:* As we see this latest gimmick designed to separate you, the square john, from your hard earned cash, it's a dandy. They upped the price of draught beer to 15¢ knowing all the time that you are going to scream, the hotel owners are going to scream and even the waiter, who used to get the odd tip, is going to scream. However, you are the only one who is sincere in his screaming. The hotel owner is actually quite happy about it all: He will eventually get around to selling bottle beer only, will need only one license instead of the two now required, will need only half the waiters and as a consequence he will make almost twice as much money. The waiter can't cry too much as he will now have only half the work and will make twice as much in tips once you get used to the idea of reaching a little deeper into the pocket. The L.C.B.O. is happy and they have put the big brewries into a position where they can make nothing but money, combine trials or no.

Solution: Have the province's Liquor Laws investigated and at the next provincial election have a referendum vote on these laws. They were out of date 50 years ago. (Please hurry; we get out in about four years.)

2) *Fat Teachers:* As we see the recent rate we are now proceeding.

front page controversy over the Fat Boy versus the Ontario Minister of Education, corpulence does not matter in teachers, it is intellect that counts. A teacher should have strong character, be morally pure and have the ability to guide the children's minds along the proper paths so that they will be able to serve themselves and their country ably in the future. Short, tall, fat or skinny; who cares? We think that the publicity given to this incident could have been better used in trying to obtain better wage standards for our teachers. Higher pay draws the more qualified, as industry well knows. (Just a Thought: What if the fat student had been a girl. The controversy would be ego deflating for a man; it might cause a sensitive female to flip completely.)

3) *Our Immigration Laws:* As we see it, a thorough overhaul of these laws is called for. Canada must expand her population if she is ever going to expand her industry and conquer the seasonal unemployment situation. We have two mother countries to draw upon for immigrants: England and France. *Solution:* Bring in about half a million French girls and in about thirty years we can accomplish what it will take another 200 to do at the

The Late SAM HILL

Jim Birnstihl



Sam Hill, to get right to the point, was born late. The old doctor had solemnly wiped his glasses and pursed his lips, made the sort of face all doctors are supposed to make when they wipe their glasses and purse their lips, and announced that Sam Hill would be born August 3.

On August 2 his mother felt pains and went to the hospital to await the blissful hour. On August 8 the doctor suggested a little exercise and a change in diet, re-examined his earlier calculations, and stated with finality that Sam would be born in two days. Sam was born seven days later.

Till the day he passed into never-never land Sam loved to tell of his long delayed arrival. I guess psychologists might suggest that his lifelong addiction to tardiness was a subconscious means of recapturing the glory, such as it was, that was his on the occasion of his birth.

It has been said that the worst thief

in the world is honest eighty per cent of the time. They say that except on certain occasions Adolph Hitler was a likeable guy. They say that beautiful women have their ugly moments, saints sometimes sin, and that the Yankees don't always beat the Senators.

They say nobody runs true to form or type. But they are wrong. Sam Hill was late being born, he was late being weaned, he was late learning to speak, he was late for school from the very first day and with very few exceptions he was late for every blessed appointment that was ever included in his busy schedule.

His other vices were few and his virtues many. He was quite clever in school and passed in the top ten at university. He was, of course, late in arriving at the graduation ceremony, but the dean was not surprised. His diploma was handed to him in the presence of the janitor who had begun

to clean the auditorium.

Sam's father soon made an opening for him in his plant. His father, with a great deal of wisdom, instructed Sam's secretary to deliberately lie to Sam regarding the time of all important business appointments, so when Sam had to meet a business associate at one o'clock he usually was given the impression that the engagement was set for twelve-thirty, therefore when he sauntered into the scene at twelve fifty-four no damage was done..

Sam made a great many friends as a junior executive and was shortly promoted, with a substantial pay increase. While not handsome, most women found him quite attractive and amusing, and so one day when he announced that he was engaged the news was not entirely unexpected.

His father, fortunately, had the presence of mind to warn the bride that Sam might be a little late for the ceremony, so although she was annoyed in no small way when this eventuality came to pass, she was not driven to tears and there was really no fuss at all. Besides, he had a dandy excuse: he stopped to have the car washed.

In later years Sam came to be a prominent citizen of the town. After his father died he assumed the presidency of the firm and rendered the company distinguished service. His marriage was a happy one and his children, six in number, were a fine looking group at the funeral not long ago.

Everyone said it was one of the nicest

funerals in recent years, and although Sam's family were heartbroken, you could see they were still able to feel a glow of pride as they looked over the distinguished crowd that packed the church to hear the funeral oration.

I suppose that there were several in the crowd who were aware that for the first time in his life, Sam was early for an appointment. His physician had given him, at the outside, two years to live; and the good doctor was as shocked as the townspeople when, three months after his examination, diagnosis, and prediction, his patient quietly passed away in his sleep.

The cavalcade of sleek, black limousines winding to the cemetery was imposing, indeed, and the usual bystander must have concluded that a very important personage was being laid to rest.

One minor mishap interrupted the smooth flow of events, at what was, to all practical purposes, the very last minute. The hearse that carried Sam's coffin must have run over a nail in the road, for one of its tires went suddenly quite flat and the driver and his assistant pulled over to the roadside to replace it. After a hasty conference it was decided that all other cars should proceed, as planned, to the cemetery. This they did and the mourners, stepping out of the limousines sedately, clustered around the Hill plot and stood talking in whispers, waiting for Sam.

He arrived only twenty seven minutes late



Prisoner Potential

Prisoner Potential is a feature of the Diamond and it is designed to help the inmates being released within the next 60 days to find employment upon their release. We realize the problems of the employer in regard to hiring men sight unseen, and from a penitentiary at that.

By way of explanation may we explain the type of inmate who places an ad in this column and his general attitude? A man who places an ad in Prisoner Potential is sincerely interested in finding employment as quickly as possible after his release and he has every intention of treading the straight and narrow when he is released. How do we know this? Our answer may sound rather complicated and possibly immoral but it is never the less true. The tough guys, the confirmed criminal types, look with disdain upon the inmates who put an ad in this column, and in prison we are supposed to look up to the big criminal. A man who will chance the censure of the other inmates obviously does not care about their opinions and he therefore has made one of the biggest steps toward rehabilitation. He is going against the accepted criterion, he wants to go straight and in prison this is frowned upon.

We are not saying that a large majority of men in prison do not want to lead an honest life in the future. We are saying that it is considered improper to admit this. Those who are in the wrong usually speak the loudest, so it is their opinion that obtains in a prison. Hence, when an inmate will come right out and say that he wants a job; he really does want employment.

Many inmates refuse the opportunity to place an ad in the Diamond; some because they consider it futile, some because they do not need a job, some because they are afraid of drawing criticism from their fellow inmates, and a few because they intend to have another try at the stealing game. The man who does place an ad is a good bet to stay out of prison if he is given a chance to prove himself.

A man being released from a Canadian penitentiary is given only a small amount of money (about \$12.00 for a 2 year sentence.) and if he is going to keep himself out of trouble it is necessary that he find employment almost immediately. The period when he must wait for his first paycheek is the most crucial one and many men fall into trouble during this time. It is very easy to say that they are weak, but there is also a line in the Bible to the effect of: "Lead us not into temptation".

We are not crying about our lot in life; we are only asking that someone give these men a chance to prove themselves. When we ask someone to give them an opportunity we do not mean someone else. We are asking you, the employer who reads this.

If you can offer employment to any of the men in the following advertisements, please contact:

The Classification Officer,
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Education-Grade 6 — Single — Age 31
This man has been employed as a helper in these trades before and has spent his time in the institution working at same. He desires work in the Toronto area.

Comment: *An employer would find this man a good worker. Definitely not afraid to do a good day's work. He has enough knowledge of plastering to advance himself quickly.*

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Education - Grade 8—Single—Age 24
This man has worked as a painter before his imprisonment and while in the institution he has worked as an electrician. Desires work as a painter or electrician's helper in the Toronto area.

Comment: *This young man realizes the need for employment soon after his release and is willing to try any type of work. His preferences are stated above, but he has a chauffeur's license and could work as a truck driver.*

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Education - Grade 10—Single—Age 22
Previously employed as a men's wear salesman. Kingston area.

Comment: *This young man is a clean cut, personable type and is quite capable of being a good salesman. He is experience in the men's wear field but he is willing to try any selling job. Because he also realizes the need for finding employment quickly and the difficulty that might be met with at this time of year, he is willing to take a job as a truck driver.*

D-56 AUTO BODY MAN & SPRAY PAINTER

Education - Grade 9—Married-3 children—Previously employed as a body repair man and spray painter. . .has also done some service station work. Age—30. Windsor area.

Comment: *A mature person with 12 years working experience in the above fields behind him. This man needs work and would certainly be appreciative of an opportunity to prove himself. Would be very willing to work at any steady job. (Service Station, truck driver, etc.)*

D-57 ELECTRICIAN'S HELPER

Education - Grade 10—Single—Age 22
This man is looking for an opportunity as an electrician's helper and has experience in this field, Toronto area.

Comment: *This man has taken the Vocational Electrician's course and passed with good grades. He has definitely tried to improve himself while in the institution and now needs an opportunity to prove his worth. He has considerable knowledge of electrical theory as well as over two years practical work around the institution. Should prove an asset to his employer.*

D-58 SALES JOB

Education - Grade 9—Single—Age 33
This man has had previous experience in the selling field and now desires employment as a salesman in a clothing store or similar position. Hamilton or district area preferred.

Comment: *A well spoken man with a pleasant personality and the ability to make a favourable impression upon customers. This man has an application for parole pending and may be available at any time. An offer of employment may help to speed his release up a little.*

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SALMONIER PRISON FARM (Newfoundland)

Reprint from Toronto Globe & Mail, Oct. 23, 1959)

Editor's Note: We had always thought Newfoundland to be one of Canada's more backward provinces, however, the following article makes it apparent that this province is leading the rest of Canada in at least one field: Penology.

The only lock in the place is on the front gate. And it is designed to keep the general public out. Not the inmates of the Salmonier farm in. In fact, there is a key hanging on a string on one of the gate posts.

One of the curses of confederation, as far as many Newfoundlanders are concerned, is the widely held mainland opinion that the rest of Canada picked up an unalloyed liability in adding the tenth province.

But Salmonier quickly gives the lie to that. Salmonier is one of the finest penal institutions in Canada.

Don't take my word for it. See Salmonier through the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edmison. Mr. Edmison is a member of the recently created Federal Parole Board and long a guiding force in the John Howard Society, an acknowledged expert on Canadian and world penology. Mrs. Edmison also has a deep interest in the knowledge of Canadian institutions.

"That was a refreshing experience," Mr. Edmison said as he completed a brief visit to the farm recently.

High point for him was his announcement to a prisoner that his application for parole had been approved. In all his years of working with prisoners this was the first time that Mr. Edmison had ever personally made such an announcement.

Mr. Edmison noticed most of all the complete lack of tension associated

with more custodial-minded prisons.

"There was an easy friendly atmosphere. I had to remind myself that I was on a Prison Farm."

One of the most important benefits on Salmonier is that it gives the individual prisoner the chance to make the transition from prison life to normal surroundings with a minimum of adjustment.

This, combined with an over-riding emphasis on rehabilitation has produced an extremely low recidivist rate. For instance the man who received his parole news from Mr. Edmison—he went away to pack immediately—had been trained as a bulldozer operator while at the farm. Work was begun months ago, when the possibility of parole was raised, to find him a job. But equally important he has passed his skill on to another inmate, this one an Eskimo who showed remarkable aptitude for operating the big blade.

Work and lots of it is one of the main factors in the Salmonier success formula.

Every year new acres are cleared to go with the 85 already under cultivation. The farm has what the inmates believe to be the best herd of Holsteins on the island.

The sight is majestic in the rugged country 60 miles south and west of the provincial capital. The 577 acres of the farm border Oxley's Pond on the north and Gull Pond on the south,

two waters well known to many fishermen including the seven warders and the current 86 inmates.

Length of term is not important. Some youths are there for 30 days. The man who served the Edmisons their lunch was a lifer.

Before a prisoner is permitted to go on what are regarded in the penitentiary as holidays at the farm, he is carefully screened.

The men responsible for the success of Salmonier are penitentiary Governor Wm. Case and Sgt. Warder Frank Coates.

Governor Case, described by Mr. Edmison as an efficient but wonderfully human and humane administrator, reflected the thinking of the island people when asked about corporal punishment.

"Of course not," he snorted. "It

was abolished in Newfoundland a good many years ago. We realize how ineffective it was."

In spite of the excellence of the Salmonier operation constant improvements are being made. There has been a trend in recent years to lifting the educational level of the inmates in a more general way than simply fitting them for a better job which is still important.

What do the provincial authorities think of it? Attorney-General Curtis gave Mr. Edmison the answer when he told him the Newfoundland government is planning another Salmonier elsewhere on the island.

And the other provinces in Canada, in Mr. Edmison's opinion, would be doing well if they were planning Salmoniers of their own.



Caught the Toronto Argonaut's act again this year. Time and again they gave hope only to break hearts again. Consensus of opinion around here was that these fat cats are too complacent.

Complacent about what? How many years since they even made third place in the league? Maybe they are after the B.C. Lion's record in this department.



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Argos are better off than the Toronto Argos at that; at least they are still playing.) The cold weather and the fact that educational movies are offered on Sat. afternoons caused a shortage in the number of players and the fourth team in our local league had to be broken up and the players sent to strengthen the other three. Who did we break up? The Tiger Cats, of course. (The cry outside will soon be break up the "Tabbys" too. We gave most of their players to Toronto, a commendable precedent.)

The high-flying Als are managed by Preston and quarterbacked by Stewart. One of the big factors in their success is the line work done by the Tait brothers and Hardy. These three are the nucleus of the line, but the whole line holds well. Raeburn, Kanary, Prest and Preston pull in Big Stew's passes for some long gains and points. This is a pretty well balanced team and we cannot see anyone stopping them, even in the play-offs.

The Roughriders are managed by Marve H. who also handles the quarterback chores adequately. Gord Dade has been a standout for this team and has hauled down many a long pass that looked impossible. Beechener is also adept at catching the pigskin and has been figuring in a lot of scoring plays lately. The big man for this team is probably Cormier. He can run like a rabbit with all the speed and twists and turns necessary to carry the ball from end to end. Cormier sees two way action and carries the ball on punt returns as well as from scrimmage. The recent addition of Marve has strengthened this team, but, in our opinion, not enough to beat the Als. Latchman and Honeyman do yeo-

man's work on the line and are well supported by their teammates. Marve H.'s kicking is good and he is accurate on field goal attempts but he takes a little too long to get the ball away when passing. The option play, pass or run, seems to be his favorite.

The Argonauts; a better team on paper than on the field. Managed by Lowery, this team appears to have the potential to put them in the running, but internal dissention has kept them in the cellar. A good line of Midgehall, Gray, Rich, Woodcliffe, Post and St. Amour has been the best feature of this team's play. All big men, they are capable of keeping the opposition at bay for some time, but the quarterback seems to need even longer to get the ball away. Bouley is their best pass receiver and he accordingly gets plenty of work. Bob Gourley also gets in the act and pulls off some good catches but his main value is as a pass defender. For a little guy he gets around on that field and breaks up a lot of the opposition's plays. Lowery does a good job in the field goal and punting departments but touchdowns are needed to win games in this league. Quarterback? This position has been changing from game to game and even from play to play and is probably where the weakness of the team lies. (Anyone seen Ronnie Knox?) The backfield is poor on offense and is desperately in need of a take charge type. The spectators get the impression that when this team goes into a huddle they are taking a vote on the next play, with election speeches before the vote. Come on Argos, get together and play ball. Could be you'll beat the Roughriders out yet.

The officiating has been ably handled

Team Standings As Of Nov 9th:			
Team	Played	Won	
Alouettes	14	12	
Roughriders	16	9	
Argonauts	15	6	
Lost	Tied	Points	
1	1	25	
6	1	19	
9	0	12	

TOP TEN POINT SCORERS

Preston	54 Points
Beechener	43 Points
Dade	37 Points
Stewart	30 Points
Cormier	24 Points
F. Smith	24 Points
Moreland	24 Points
McGregor	18 Points
Weston	17 Points
Post	12 Points
Prest	12 Points

by Buck Bentley and Harvey Simons, with Fraser coming in to help after resigning from the Argo club. Buck takes it all quite seriously and Harvey is making his rulings with a firm hand. Considering that we don't even have a rule book, they have been doing a remarkable job. There have been very few disputes, nothing to compare with the Big Four battles, and the games have been run off with a minimum of friction. They keep the players on the ball and allow no stalling.

Just A Thought: While watching the play on the play on the field one warm and sunny afternoon (we don't venture out in the cold) it occurred to us that if some of the players had thrown as good a block when they were trying to escape the clutches of the law as they do on the gridiron, they might have sprung themselves loose from those long arms.

Question: Even if they had made a big gain that play, what happens on the next one? Seems that you just can't expect to beat the defenders all the time.

Scoring Notes: Preston seems to be well out in front and should stay there; he kicks converts, field goals and also grabs the odd pass in the end zone. Gord Dade came up with a 25 point day recently and could be a real threat.

Beechener is always steady and is used much in the clutch. Cormier is now available for steady play and can be expected to be bringing his points up with the leaders.



MR. A.M. Kirkpatrick of the John Howard Society Visits Collin's Bay

On Friday, October the sixteenth, Mr. A. M. Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the John Howard Society of Ontario made one of his visits to Collin's Bay Pen and during his stay here he talked to the Diamond staff for about one hour.

Mr. Kirkpatrick struck us as being a sincere man and his conversation with us cleared up many of the misconceptions that we had concerning the John Howard Society. Mr. Kirkpatrick made it quite clear that the monetary aid given to ex-prisoners was only one facet of the work done by the John Howard Society. Most inmates are aware that the Society also handles the supervision of some men on Parole, but it is not generally known that the Society also takes on men for guidance who have been discharged upon completion of their sentence.

The guidance offered by the John Howard representatives is a counselling service offered to those men who come up against problems that they cannot cope with, and rather than do something foolish it is much better that they have someone to turn to for advice and help. In this regard, some of the men who have recently been released on short paroles were given this parole in order that they may become familiar with the service offered by the Society and thereby use these facilities, even after their parole has terminated. The services of the Society are offered to any ex-prisoner who feels the need, regardless of whether or not he is on parole.

Some men who leave prison are very self-assured and feel that they need no help, but there are also men leaving the prison with no place to live and no definite plans on *how* to live. It is the latter who need the John Howard Society and the Society has been a very important factor in keeping these men out of prison. No matter how confident an inmate is about his future, it would not hurt him to see the men in the John Howard Society and iron out any difficulties that may arise when he is on the street. The Society will counsel a man on anything from his family relations to his employment. They have helped men to obtain certificate licenses, driver's licenses and proper employment. The Society exists for the purpose of making the ex-inmate's re-entry into society as successful as possible and they have achieved a good degree of success.

Another facet of the work of the Society is in the field of public relations. Mr. Kirkpatrick explained that the Society has been engaged in speech making at various clubs and also has been instrumental in having various licensing commissions and boards look with a new light upon the ex-convict. Most inmates are aware that members of the Society, Mr. Kirkpatrick in particular, have been called before Royal Commissions to give their views on prisons and penology and the inmates are also aware that many of the amenities that have been introduced into Canadian prisons since 1956 have resulted from the work of these men.

In speaking to us, Mr. Kirkpatrick made it quite clear that he did not think all the necessary changes had been made in our prison system. He stated that the fundamental changes were still to come but that he expected the report of the Federal Correctional Planning Committee, which is due in January, will recommend some of the needed changes in our concept of crime and correction.

We discussed the problems of the Society as far as finances were concerned and, while they definitely need more money, the government grants plus the Red Feather campaign have been the backbone of their treasury. Individual donations have also played

an important part in keeping the Society going but with the need for expansion to all the communities of Ontario, more and more money is required. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the John Howard Society had sixteen paid workers in Ontario at the present with three vacancies still to be filled.

The prisoners and ex-prisoners of Canada are indeed indebted to the John Howard Society for its work on our behalf. The men in the Society are progressive in their thinking and it is through the efforts of men like them, both in the Society and in the Department of Justice itself, that Canada's prison system is going to get the revamping that it has needed for so long.



Exchanged

He turned to crime so that he,
Could satisfy a foolish she.
Her foolish wants caused him much pain,
And gave him a number instead of a name.
Now imprisoned, long before freed,
She, out with another victim be;
And soon his head will bow in shame,
He'll have a number in exchange for a name.
This little poem is supposedly true,
It could happen to me, it could happen to you.
Now I don't say all girls are the same,
But many men have a number for a name.

P. Crosby

The Jovial Jester



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Three sugeons were boasting about what they could do and what they ad done.

"I had a man without a leg," said ne surgeon, "and I grafted a leg on im, and do you know what, he became the world's greatest runner."

"I had a man without an arm," said he second, "and he became one of the nest golfers in the world after I rafted an arm on him."

"Gentlemen," said the third surgeon, that's nothing. I grafted a smile onto jackass and he became the greatest olitician in the world."

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A burglar was brought before a judge or stealing a watch out of a jewelry tore window. He was found guilty ad sentenced to ten years imprison- ent

"Just a minute, Judge," said the burglar. "I'd like to offer a few words of explanation. That window was already broken and all I did was stick my right arm in and pick up the watch. It was my right arm that committed the crime, so I can't see why you should punish the whole man for what his right ram did."

"You've got a very good argument," said the Judge, with all the wisdom of Portia, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give your right arm ten years in jail and you can go along with it or not. Either way is alright with me; it's your choice."

"Thanks very much your Honour," said the burglar, and with that he unscrewed his right arm and handed it over to the Judge.

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Christmas

"Do not be afraid: Behold the news I bring you is good news of a great rejoicing for the whole people. This day, in the city of David a Saviour has been born for you, the Lord Christ Himself."

(*Luke 2:10-11*)

Into the dreadful uncertainties of the present time, there comes to us once again in its simple beauty and gentleness the timeless reminder of our Saviour's birth. Despite the noises and confusion of exploding atom bombs and moon-circling satellites, and the subsequent disruption of our peace and security we hear at this precious moment of the year, a soft re-assuring sound, the tap-tap of the hoofs of a small donkey, bearing its precious burden of immaculate purity and stirring divine life, to a manger near the little town of Bethlehem.

For all of us, men, this beautiful scene and event can, and should be, a source of security, consolation and joy. Security, because we realize that the Infant God who thus came many years ago is still the Master of His world, despite any efforts of His enemy to blast both Him and us out of it. Consolation in the realization that our Emmanuel, our God with us, has first-hand knowledge of our plight and also of our human weaknesses, and that as a result His judgments will not be too severe. Finally our joy, at this time especially, is based on the knowledge that the love which prompted His first entrance into our world is still the great bond of union between Him and us, and that His love, and our response to it, form the only solid basis for lasting joy and peace in our lives.

F. M. Devine, S.J.,
Catholic Chaplain.

WARDEN'S MESSAGE

As we again approach the New Year, it is my desire to extend my greetings to all the staff and to all the inmates of Collin's Bay and to all the inmates of the various recreational centres.

In looking back over the past year, I am all here at Collin's Bay, I am glad to see the education in what has been the vocational training programme and the various recreational activities.

It is my hope that the New Year as an opportunity to enjoy the fulfilment of our prosperous days ahead.

Messages

MAS, 1959

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It has been termed paradoxical to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to men confined in prison.

The spirit of Christmas reigns supreme in the hearts of men regardless of their material and physical circumstances.

In retrospection I think of the families and relatives of the inmates that I have had the pleasure to meet. and know that their innermost thoughts will be with you at Christmas time.

To you and your families the very best of wishes at Christmas and throughout the year. and may 1960 bring fulfilment of your deams.

*F. Smith,
Deputy Warden.*

BTMAS — THE FESTIVAL OF HOME

ld familiar story of Christmas always seems
feeling of home, children and loved ones.
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*Canon Minto Swan, MA. BD. ED.,
Protestant Chaplain.*

BARRED

Full Moon

Each night behind the prison wall,
At nine you'll always hear me call;
Just like a child in merry glee,

These are the words you'll hear from me:

Full moon I see you through the bars,
Full moon surrounded by the stars.
Full moon like glory waving high,
Full moon I see you in the sky.

Soon my prison life will end,

To God on high a prayer I'll send.

If my life should end today,

These words I'm sure you'll hear me say:

Full moon I see you through the bars,
Full moon surrounded by the stars.
Full moon like glory waving high,
Full moon I see you in the sky.

L.R. Gray



BARDS

Alone Like Me

I'm just a lonely daddy, who tried to play his part,
I shared a love as great as love could be,
I played the game and broke your heart

And now I'm locked in gaol.

God help you not to be, alone like me.

I've done you wrong and lied to you, I hope you will forgive,
For I never meant to hurt you, you can see,
I'll pay the price though it breaks my heart, and try to live it down,
I hope you'll never be, alone like me.

Forgive oh please forgive me, and start our lives anew,
The children how they'd welcome me with glee,
I pray to God you'll think of them, when you break
My lonely heart,
May they never be, alone like me.

False happiness may follow you, for our memories remain,
May God protect our children, keep them free,
With tear stained eyes they cry to you, will Daddy soon come home,
Are they to live their lives, alone like me?

I'm just a lonely daddy who tried to play his part,
I shared a love as great as love could be,
I played the game and broke your heart and now I'm locked in gaol.

God help you not to be, alone like me.

H.W. Mavin

PRISONS:

REAL AND HOLLYWOOD STYLE

(A few thoughts on the effect of the movies on our younger generation.)

A recent article appeared in a Toronto newspaper by Rabbi A. L. Feinberg and dealing with the rise of Neo-Nazism in West Germany. The Rabbi had discovered during a recent trip to that country that a substantial proportion of the German youth looks with favour upon the Hitler regime and that these young Germans feel that Hitler's only crime was that he lost the war.

Be that as it may, Rabbi Feinberg need not have gone to West Germany to find youths who admire the Third Reich. Due to the influence of the news and entertainment media to the south, the Germans have been glamorized to the extent that those too young to remember the war think only of the pomp and pageantry, the show of arms and fierce fighting qualities of the Nazi divisions. Movies, T.V., magazines and newspapers have all gone along with the policy of the government in changing public opinion about the German nation. Even here in Canada we have many of our younger people who admire Hitler and his regime. If some of the more sordid sides of the war were again brought out it might sway them back to reality.

However, and now we get to the real point of all this, Hollywood makes money by glamorizing life and selling this glamor to the public. Are they going to cut their financial throats?

The parallel we wish to draw is the Hollywood treatment of crime and criminals, from motive to imprisonment. Movies depict the average criminal as a high-living type with a big car and a very streamlined female companion. Sure, he is always caught but then he only goes to prison and every teenager knows that prison is not such a bad place. They have seen movies about prisons, too.

According to the movie makers there is always plenty of action in prison. In the real prison there is a dull, almost deadly monotony; no guns are passed back and forth under the dining room table in preparation for next week's big break, in fact, there is not even a dining room in Canada's penitentiaries. Meals (?) are eaten in the cells. The cell is the living room, dining room, bedroom, study and bathroom for the prison inmate. Of course this compactness has its compensations: We have everything handy and need not waste time running from room to room. And the last thing a prisoner would want to do is waste such a precious commodity as time.

A movie showing the real prison would be a sensational flop. How could a director get his actors to put any glamor or action into a picture that would show a man waiting, day after day, week after week, for a ten year sentence to come to an end. Sure.

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Collin's Bay Barber Shop



The barber shop here at Collin's Bay is part of the Vocational Training programme and an inmate can leave this institution a licensed barber if he has completed the apprenticeship period and passed the exam given by the Ontario Department of Labour. The barber shop serves a two fold purpose at this institution because the students cut the hair of the inmates while they are learning the trade. This is probably an ideal situation because if the student's first few haircuts turn out a little rough around the edges it is not so important. The man getting the haircut is not going anywhere that

demands an immaculate appearance from him. Actually, there are few bad haircuts given as the students are quick to learn and if they get into trouble they do not hesitate to call on a more experienced barber for help. There are always men in the shop who are experienced as most of the men have worked at barbering in the reformatory, where it is not taught as a trade but learned by trial and error. Here at Collin's Bay they have a chance to obtain their license so that when they are released they can go right to work as barbers.

The barber shop itself is approxi-

mately 20 feet by 40 feet and contains six regular barber chairs plus three wooden chairs that learners start on. Three of the chairs have their own sinks and there is also a large double sink at one end of the shop for rinsing hair after a shampoo. The walls are cornered with large mirrors and in addition each chair has a mirror behind it.

It is a clean, good looking shop with some of the latest equipment in it. Each man has his own set of tools; electric clippers, shears, comb and razor. The sets of tools are collected by the officer in charge of the shop each night and re-issued each morning.

The officer in charge of this shop is Mr. T. Greatrix, who has been working at the institution for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Greatrix handles all the book work for the barbers, he issues supplies such as hair oil, shampoo, witch hazel and facial cream, as well as supervising the hair cutting. Each man in the institution gets a haircut every three weeks and Mr. Greatrix records the date of each so that we keep the number of shaggy-dog types down to a minimum.

There is also a civilian instructor, Mr. Bert Smith, who comes into the institution each Tuesday and instructs the inmates on all phases of the barbering trade. Hair cutting, facials, shaves, shampooing and honing of razors are all covered by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith is well qualified to teach as he runs his own barber shop in Kingston and he is also the government examiner for all barbers in this area. He is also the man who gives the test to those inmates applying for a license, so he knows the man thoroughly by

the time his apprenticeship term is served.

The apprenticeship period is three years and an inmate is given his exam, both written and practical, when he has the required time in. The inmate must give a demonstration of hair cutting, shampooing, shaving and facial, in other words, "the works", under the observation of Mr. Smith. Careful attention is paid to details such as towel layout in order that the inmate will be able to work exactly as an outside barber would. The barber shop here is run as close to the way an outside shop would be as is possible under the circumstances. If an inmate does not have sufficient time served when his sentence expires he is given credit for the time he has spent at the trade and this counts toward his license.

In addition to the regular barber shop for the inmates there is also a staff barber shop where the more experienced inmates cut hair for the staff. This shop has two chairs and is much smaller, naturally. The two inmates who work here are usually the best barbers in the institution.

The set-up here for the Vocational Barbers is probably one of the best possible. There is no lack of victims I mean customers, and the trainee gets a great deal of practical experience. As the students progress they become almost tonsorial artists and, as artists, they can be temperamental. However, Mr. Greatrix has mastered the art of handling artists and the barbers here do a first rate job. This is one of the few prisons where an inmate can walk into a barber shop and expect to get the haircut he asks for instead of the usual scalpings.

SALMONIER PRISON FARM (Newfoundland)

(Reprint from Toronto Globe & Mail, Oct. 23, 1959)

Editor's Note: We had always thought Newfoundland to be one of Canada's more backward provinces, however, the following article makes it apparent that this province is leading the rest of Canada in at least one field: Penology.

The only lock in the place is on the front gate. And it is designed to keep the general public out. Not the inmates of the Salmonier farm in. In fact, there is a key hanging on a string on one of the gate posts.

One of the curses of confederation, as far as many Newfoundlanders are concerned, is the widely held mainland opinion that the rest of Canada picked up an unalloyed liability in adding the tenth province.

But Salmonier quickly gives the lie to that. Salmonier is one of the finest penal institutions in Canada.

Don't take my word for it. See Salmonier through the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edmison. Mr. Edmison is a member of the recently created Federal Parole Board and long a guiding force in the John Howard Society, an acknowledged expert on Canadian and world penology. Mrs. Edmison also has a deep interest in the knowledge of Canadian institutions.

"That was a refreshing experience," Mr. Edmison said as he completed a brief visit to the farm recently.

High point for him was his announcement to a prisoner that his application for parole had been approved. In all his years of working with prisoners this was the first time that Mr. Edmison had ever personally made such an announcement.

Mr. Edmison noticed most of all the complete lack of tension associated

with more custodial-minded prisons.

"There was an easy friendly atmosphere. I had to remind myself that I was on a Prison Farm."

One of the most important benefits on Salmonier is that it gives the individual prisoner the chance to make the transition from prison life to normal surroundings with a minimum of adjustment.

This, combined with an over-riding emphasis on rehabilitation has produced an extremely low recidivist rate. For instance the man who received his parole news from Mr. Edmison—he went away to pack immediately—had been trained as a bulldozer operator while at the farm. Work was begun months ago, when the possibility of parole was raised, to find him a job. But equally important he has passed his skill on to another inmate, this one an Eskimo who showed remarkable aptitude for operating the big blade.

Work and lots of it is one of the main factors in the Salmonier success formula.

Every year new acres are cleared to go with the 85 already under cultivation. The farm has what the inmates believe to be the best herd of of Holsteins on the island.

The sight is majestic in the rugged country 60 miles south and west of the provincial capital. The 577 acres of the farm border Oxley's Pond on the north and Gull Pond on the south,

two waters well known to many fishermen including the seven warders and the current 86 inmates.

Length of term is not important. Some youths are there for 30 days. The man who served the Edmisons their lunch was a lifer.

Before a prisoner is permitted to go on what are regarded in the penitentiary as holidays at the farm, he is carefully screened.

The men responsible for the success of Salmonier are penitentiary Governor Wm. Case and Sgt. Warder Frank Coates.

Governor Case, described by Mr. Edmison as an efficient but wonderfully human and humane administrator, reflected the thinking of the island people when asked about corporal punishment.

"Of course not," he snorted. "It

was abolished in Newfoundland a good many years ago. We realize how ineffective it was."

In spite of the excellence of the Salmonier operation constant improvements are being made. There has been a trend in recent years to lifting the educational level of the inmates in a more general way than simply fitting them for a better job which is still important.

What do the provincial authorities think of it? Attorney-General Curtis gave Mr. Edmison the answer when he told him the Newfoundland government is planning another Salmonier elsewhere on the island.

And the other provinces in Canada, in Mr. Edmison's opinion, would be doing well if they were planning Salmoniers of their own.



Caught the Toronto Argonaut's act again this year. Time and again they gave hope only to break hearts again. Consensus of opinion around here was that these fat cats are too complacent.

Complacent about what? How many years since they even made third place in the league? Maybe they are after the B.C. Lion's record in this department.



PAROLES For OCTOBER

PAROLE TABLE

Sentence YEARS	Amnesty MONTHS	New Sentence		Time Served		Time Left To Serve MONTHS	Time To Serve On Parole MONTHS
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15	45	11	3	6	11½	20½	
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3	3	2	9	1	7	16	22
3	3	2	9	1	10	7	9
3	3	2	9	1	10	4	6
3	3	2	9	1	4	4	6
5	10	4	2	3	1	10	1½
4½	9½	3	11½	2	5½	2½	3
9	18	7	6	4	1½	8½	10½
						20	26½

We thought it might be of interest to both our inside and outside readers if we did a column this month showing the paroles granted by the National Parole Board and compared the time to be served on parole with the time served by the man being paroled and also the length of his sentence. The table below also takes into account the amount of amnesty the man was granted by the Queen, either because of the Royal Visit to Canada or the Coronation way back in '53.

Unfortunately for us, it seems that the practice of giving Royal Amnesty to Canada's prison inmates is going to be discontinued. When the last amnesty was announced the Minister of Justice was quoted as saying that it would probably be the last as he felt the amnesty was interfering with the work of the Parole Board. Oh well, we can always hope for a change of heart, or a change of government.

In the case of the man sentenced to 5 years, he was fortunate to get sen-

tenced at the time he was. He received the benefit of three Royal Amnesties of one month per year of sentence each. All amnesty figures are based on the number of years served and also the number of amnesties the man was eligible to receive.

The figures above are not exact and do not take into account the odd days that may have been served or may have to be served on parole. (i.e. The man with the 5 year sentence must actually serve two months and twenty-seven days instead of the three months indicated.)

In all cases the amount of time to be served on Parole is greater than the amount of time the inmate would have had to spend in prison. This is in keeping with the philosophy that Parole is not leniency, but a method of releasing men into society that affords a better chance of rehabilitation. In the event that the Parole Board has guessed wrong about the man, the police know where he lives and his

supervisor has constant contact with him, thereby making him easier to catch if he has committed a crime.

One other point should be mentioned here. If a parolee commits a crime and is returned to prison he serves not only the amount of time he had left, but also forfeits all remission he earned while he was in the penitentiary. For instance, in the case of the man doing 10 years: If he is returned to the prison for breach of parole only and has not received another sentence from the court, he will start a sentence equivalent to three and one-half years. (He got a 16 month cut via parole.) Parole is a good thing for us and also for the taxpayer. It shortens our time in prison a little and it saves the tax dollars that would have been spent confining us there. But parole is not leniency. It is a *form* of leniency for

the man who goes straight, which is what it is designed to accomplish, but for the man who violates a parole it means that he will have to serve much more time than originally. Not to mention any other sentence he may get added.

Inmates know the drawbacks of Parole and are aware that it would be foolhardy to take a Parole with the idea of stealing in mind. It is just not practical and the so-called professional would shun the thought.

The supervision that a man on parole receives can be a vital factor in keeping him out of prison. Parole is not a cure-all, but it is going to play a part in bringing down the recidivist rate. It will save the taxpayers many thousands of dollars, money that can be put to work at more constructive projects.



LUCK IN LIFE

There's no such thing as luck in life,
As some of us are led to believe:
That by some strange coincidence,
We fail or we achieve.
There is no four-leaf clover or horse-shoe on the wall,
Or any rabbits-feet or sign,
That helps us out at all.
Yet, there is such a word as luck:
But it is meant to say,
The fortune good or bad that we experience every day.
So whatever happens in your life,
Somehow we are to blame for it,
It is the will of God.
It should not seem so odd,

By: Jim A., of Galt-Knox Group

A Gift for Christmas

If the stars shone only one night in twenty-five years how the people on that happy night would gaze at the heavens and marvel! Because they shine almost every night, many people hardly notice them and don't know one star from another.

What a revelation it is for the alcoholic to awaken after years and years of struggle in a life of deplorable depression! To be spiritually alive again, to notice a star in the heavens, a bird on the wing, a flower in the garden, and to be able to say: "This is a wonderful Christmas for me."

They will be looking back over past Christmases which are not like this one. They will be thanking God for their sobriety and be dwelling upon how their lives have been changed since coming into A.A. They may even be far enough away from ego and selfishness and self-pity to give thanks for this wonderful change. What a wonderful Christmas present.

A.A. may be human in its organization but it is divine in its purpose. It is so like Christmas in many ways. Christmas is the day that a man was born, a man who took the sins of mankind to his breast and died so that all might live a better life. How like A.A. Alcoholics can come to A.A. and give nothing but honesty and humility and receive the gift of a new life. A life of sobriety; a peace of mind, contentment. All this for so little! Every twenty-four hours of A.A. work can be our Christmas, day after day.

I am so happy to be a part of it. As long as I can stick close to A.A. my life will have a direction, although I cannot yet know what it is or what it will be. But I do know that it will be good. That is all I want to know and that is all anyone of us wants to know. It will be good.

Can I offer any alcoholic any more for Christmas? I offer you A.A. It is yours to take any time you want it. It is there, just as bright and full as the Christmas the new A.A. member will see this time.

A.A. will be like the stars shining on that one night in twenty-five years, only it will be shining each day, every day, as you go through life.

A single point of view may be fixed in one place or it may be a mental point of view. We do not see the same things from different places, nor do people of different interests and temperaments see the same things from the same local point. This is why I have reverted from "they" to "I" in my message. To say that I have all that A.A. can hold for me or to think that anyone has, would be a very dangerous statement. One would be apt to say that I am trying to be "Mr. A.A." This is far from my contention. I only wish to convey that while we work A.A. into our lives, whether we are free or incarcerated, the pleasure and joys that can be received from this way of life will be a reward much greater than anyone of us can contemplate, and with so little to give for it.

Sincerity, humbleness and honesty, plain and simple in essence and yet integral. In all humility my pen writes and with sincerity I hope you receive it in the way it is intended: My small gift for Christmas.

May I extend my sincere wishes to all fellow alcoholics for a *VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS*, now and always.

Yours in A.A.,
Lewis L.



PRISON'S: REAL AND HOLLYWOOD

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the man may read a book, work at learning a trade, dig ditches or spend his evenings studying; but in the final analysis he is merely waiting for his sentence to end.

It is a rather over-powering feeling to sit in a cell and know that you will be doing exactly the same thing next year at this time and for many years

to come. It can be a long wait.

Make movies that depict this and show them to the teenagers and older delinquents. Try to show them this facet of prison life and then tell them what it feels like to be doing time. But then I forget, you people outside can't tell them: You don't know either



LONGEST PRISON SENTENCE

Perhaps the longest prison sentence on record was imposed on a man in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1903. He was sentenced to 1,000 years for criminal assault plus 25 years for burglary. He died in prison in 1915.

Show Time

We now have a further list of feature films scheduled to be shown here beginning the first week of January in the new year. It should also be remembered that there are stage shows from the outside expected this year, but as yet we have no confirmed date for these. There is also the possibility that we will have our own inmate-produced Christmas concert on the stage. As soon as we get definite word on these shows we will pass it along via this column.

Christmas Day: Auntie Mame was scheduled for the 25th but it was not available to us for that date so the film GIANT has been substituted.

GIANT: Starring James Dean, Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and Carol (Baby Doll) Baker.

This is definitely one of the biggest and best pictures ever produced in Hollywood and we are fortunate to be able to present this film. Because of its unusually long running time (3½ hours), special permission had to be obtained from the Warden.

The picture deals with the life of a very wealthy Texas family; their trials, loves, hates, miseries and battles. This was the film in which the late Jimmy Dean made his sensational appearance and proved he was an actor of quite some merit.

THE YOUNG LIONS (January 10, 1960.): Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift and Dean Martin.

Another big one. This film shows both sides, German and American; the battles they fought, the loves they knew and the world they shook. A powerful film, not for the squeamish or faint of heart. Special mention should also be made of a young actress appearing in this film who is making quite a name for herself lately: May Britt. She is currently starring in that most controversial film Blue Angel.

THE LAST HURRAH (January 17): Spencer Tracy, Jeff Hunter, Diane Foster and James Gleason.

Taken from the best selling novel of the same name, this film should hold your interest once it gets underway. It is a story of political intrigue in a big city and undoubtedly it caused some of the politicians south of the border to shake just a little. As usual, Spencer Tracy is terrific in his role of "Master Politician".

SOME CAME RUNNING (January 24): Starring Frank Sinatra, Martha Hyer, Dean Martin and Shirley McLaine.

This film was a 'must' on every movie-goer's list and was one of the few pictures ever made which could be termed a producer's dream. A real money maker.

It deals with human emotions in the raw and as far as you action lovers are concerned, well, it's your cuppa-tea. Dean Martin steals this one hands down, which is unusual to say the least when you consider his co-star is none other than Mr. Sinatra. When Frank was casting this film Dean Martin approached him and said, "I hear you're looking for a drunk in your new picture. . . well you're in luck. You are talking to a true blue drunk." Needless to say, he got the job and has never looked back since.

COWBOY (January 31): Glenn Ford.

This is, if you will pardon the expression, a western classic. Yep, it's the great grandpappy of 'em all. You are wondering what it's about? How should I know? Come on up and see it.

A STAR IS BORN (February 17): Starring Judy Garland, James Mason, Jack Lemmon and Charles Bickford.

Judy Garland gives a tremendous performance in the role of a small time band singer who climbs the screen to stardom. On the way she encounters all the joy and pathos created in ascending to the heights of success. James Mason is seen in the role of Norman Main, the actor who falls in love with Miss Garland and helps her on the road to stardom, only to find his own career failing. He also has one other problem: The little brown jug.

If any of you fellows have a cool six and one-half million to play around with, I'd advise you to stick it into a picture like this, because it is almost sure to end up making money. This one made **much**.

THE JOKER IS WILD (February 14) Frank Sinatra, Jeanne Crain, Mitzi Gaynor and Eddie Albert.

The Joker Is Wild and you'll be wild about the joker. Frank Sinatra—singing his heart out in a hundred smokey saloons. . . fighting the gangsters who try to put the run on him. . . suddenly the spotlight turns and in the glare of the limelight the heart of an entertainer is candidly revealed.

Cast as café comic Joe E. Lewis, whose career story is beyond doubt one

of the most amazing in show business annals, Sinatra's portrayal has been called a deeply moving, shockingly realistic performance that would put him in the running for another academy award.

DAMN YANKEES (February 21): Starring Tab Hunter, Gwen Verdon and Ray Walston.

This is the first pure musical offering of the year and should be enjoyed by all. This is the story of the Washington Senator fan who sells his soul to the devil just to see his team beat those "Damn Yankees" in the pennant race. He, in return, is given back his youth and also placed on the Senator's roster. Like most musicals, the story is weak, but it should be good for a few laughs in here. The song WHATEVER LOLA WANTS, LOLA GETS is one of the highlights of this film and should be appreciated by the boys in here.

Tab Hunter is mis-cast in this film, however, Gwen Verdon and Ray Walston more than cover for him. DAMN YANKEES ran for three years on Broadway so it must have some merit. I think you'll like it for a change.

This column will continue next month with the remainder of the films scheduled for showing here this year. Some of these may have to be dropped in order to have the stage shows, but we always appreciate the talent in the live shows much more than the films. We are looking forward to the stage shows, as usual, and we will give the reader a complete review of them in this column.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear sir:

I have been receiving the Diamond for the past four months and I enjoy it no end. The magazine is well written and seems to have a different understanding and illustrates the personality that I think the inmates acquire.

Having the misfortune to have a brother at Collin's Bay I find that the Diamond gives me so much comfort as to knowing about his welfare. Keep up the good work. I am;

Most sincerely,
Mrs. J. Crawford,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear sir:

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 24th concerning the Eye Bank of Canada. I am sorry that I did not get a chance to answer your letter before now, but I have been away and only just returned to work at the beginning of October.

I would like to thank you very much indeed for forwarding to us the copies of your magazine, The C.B. Diamond. I was very interested indeed to read the article appearing on page thirty and also the poem. I feel that the article certainly gives one a very good idea of the work of the Eye Bank. Several of the people there have now signed donor cards and we are most grateful.

The Eye Bank is certainly always in need of fresh tissue. Nearly 5,000 people have now signed these green donor cards but a great many of them are young people and their eyes will certainly not be available for a good many years to come. The need at the present moment is ever pressing. We have at the moment about twelve doctors waiting in Toronto for corneal tissue. As a matter of fact, an operation was cancelled last night in one of the Toronto hospitals because we were unable to get a human eye. The patient is still waiting for the corneal transplant operation.

I think it would be a very good thing indeed if you could interest some of the other inmates in this great cause. I will gladly send you six donor cards, instruction sheets and copies of our pamphlet entitled, "Miracle In Sight", which tells a little of the work of the Eye Bank. If you should need a further supply, please do not hesitate to write me at any time. I feel quite sure that the article appearing in your magazine will cause many other people to think about making a similar donation.

I am sure you would be interested to know that 190 corneal transplant operations have been performed in the Toronto area using the facilities of the

Eye Bank. The Bank was established in 1956. Since that time Eye Banks have been started in Vancouver, Edmonton, Montreal and Halifax.

Thank you so much for all your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Anne Wolfe,

Supervisor of the Eye Bank

Ed: *The application blanks mentioned by Mrs. Wolfe are available now, so if any inmate wishes to make a donation to the Eye Bank he should drop a kite in the Diamond Box and I will see that he gets the pamphlet and the instruction sheet. For the outside reader who is interested in this cause, the address is:*

The Eye Bank of Canada,
The Canadian National Institute
for the Blind,
929 Bayview Ave.,
Toronto 17, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In regard to the article CANADA vs RUSSIA in the October-November issue of the DIAMOND, I feel that it is one of the best you have printed yet.

You have told the truth about our so-called visiting "privileges" in a hard hitting manner that should wake up someone. I have long felt that our visits were not what they should be, that is the understatement of the year, and think that something should be done to make them more compatible.

You deserve much credit for (I feel) such a supreme effort. Keep up the good work.

D. Graham,

(Inmate)

Ed: *This is just one of many "kites" and compliments we had regarding the article on the visits. Being accustomed to anything but compliments, we were rather surprised to say the least. This is just one more proof of the feelings of the inmates regarding the present visiting facilities and rules.*



Then there's the one about the horse that walked up to the betting window at the track and said: "I want a two dollar ticket on myself."

"What?" screamed the man behind

the window

"Surprised I can talk, eh?" asked the horse.

"No!" said the man, "I just do think you can win."